

Amendments Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Rick Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE ACT OF 2008

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action H.R. 5683, Government Accountability Office Act of 2008.

NASA'S EXPLORATION INITIATIVE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Exploration Initiative: Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from Richard Gilbrech, Associate Administrator, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, NASA; Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING—ROLE OF CREDIT CARDS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Role of Credit Cards in Small Business Financing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CRITICAL LAPSES IN FAA SAFETY OVERSIGHT OF AIRLINES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Critical Lapses in FAA Safety Oversight

of Airlines: Abuses of Regulatory "Partnership Programs." Testimony was heard from Scott J. Bloch, Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Nicholas A. Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety; James J. Ballough, Director, Flight Standards; and Thomas Stuckey, Manager, Flight Standards Division, Southwest Region, all with the FAA; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET—SPECIAL PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current employment situation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.